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H. R. 4265

To help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-premises field trips.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, offpremises field trips.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "Phylicia's Law". 4 5 SEC. 2. FINDINGS. 6 Congress finds the following: 7 (1) Students achieve their full academic poten-8 tial when they have the ability to learn in a safe and 9 secure environment.

(2) Off-campus school trips comprise an inte-

gral part of the educational experience for our Na-

1	tion's students. Each year millions of students enjoy
2	these trips, which provide them with invaluable
3	learning opportunities outside the classroom.
4	(3) There exists no Federal law requiring public
5	schools to develop safety plans for off-premises,
6	overnight, school-sponsored trips.
7	SEC. 3. STUDENT SAFETY ON FIELD TRIPS.
8	Section 4114(d)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary
9	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114(d)(7) is amend-
10	ed—
11	(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "and" at
12	the end;
13	(2) in subparagraph (E), by adding "and" at
14	the end; and
15	(3) by adding at the end the following:
16	"(F) an assurance that—
17	"(i) before every off-premises, over-
18	night field trip, a written safety plan is de-
19	veloped by the school sponsoring the trip
20	and provided to the parents of the children
21	concerned; and
22	"(ii) each such safety plan shall in-
23	clude, at a minimum—

1	"(I) policies on curfews, room
2	checks, and chaperone qualifications;
3	and
4	"(II) emergency procedures to be
5	followed in the case of serious injury
6	or death;".

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